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FOR THE YEAR 1862

“It shall be the duty of all persons entrusted with, or engaged in, the instruction of the young, diligently to impress upon their minds the principles of piety and justice; a sacred regard to truth, love of country, and benevolence; sobriety, industry, and frugality; chastity, moderation, and temperance; and all other virtues which are the ornament and support of human society; and to endeavor to lead them into a particular understanding of the tendency of all virtues to preserve and perfect a republican form of government, to secure the blessings of liberty, and to promote their future happiness, and the tendency of the opposite vices to degradation, ruin and slavery.”—LAW OF NEW-HAMPSHIRE.

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REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

In compliance with the law of the State, the Superintending School Committee of Keene, submit to the Town the following Report of the Schools for the year ending March 14th, 1865:—

The sum raised by the Town for the support of Schools at its last Annual Meeting was \$3786.00. The amount of Literary Fund received by the Town was \$301.32. The amount raised by the High School Associated Districts for the School was \$600.00; and for rent of building for the use of the High School was \$300.00; amounting in all to the sum of \$4987.32. In addition to this, there has been paid for instruction in Private Schools the sum of \$275.00; making the amount expended in town for the purpose of education, \$5262.32.

The Schools during the past year have been more than usually prosperous; and particularly will this remark apply to the Schools in the Associated Districts, all of which have been eminently successful.

Much credit is due Prudential Committees for retaining in their respective schools those teachers who have proved their fitness for their position by a continued success through successive terms and years.

In order to secure complete success in any school, there should be a co-operation of all parties interested or connected therewith. Pupils should be punctual, attentive and obedient, and parents should sympathize with, and encourage both teacher and pupils. A failure under such circumstances (if failure be possible) will justify a change of teacher. But without such co-operation on the part of parents and pupils, no teacher should be condemned as unfit for their responsible vocation.

SCHOOL STATISTICS.

Mr. HAMILTON visited Centre, and Nos. 10 and 11. Mr. WHELOCK visited Nos. 2, 4, 6, 7, 9 and 12. Mr. WOODWARD visited Nos. 1, 3, 5, 8 and 13.

Centre. Primary Department. There were three terms of 10, 9 and 10 weeks each. Whole number of scholars, 82, 75, 48. Average attendance, 63, 68, 39. During the first and third terms the school was under the charge of Miss CLARA A. FRENCH, whose government over the scholars was good, and whose success generally was all that could reasonably be expected. Her exercises in object teaching were of *marked excellence*.

Miss NETTIE J. FRENCH taught the school the second term with great faithfulness and with good results. It hardly need be stated that the number of scholars in attendance the first and second terms was greater than the room could accommodate, or than a single teacher could properly instruct.

Centre. Upper Primary. This had three terms of 10, 11 and 10 weeks each. Number of scholars, 51, 51, 43. Average attendance, 43½, 44, 37. It was under the care of Miss ELSIE A. WOODWARD, who was untiring and judicious in her efforts for the good of those committed to her charge. The marked improvement of the school under her instruction is sufficient testimony to her value as a teacher.

Centre. Intermediate. Taught by Miss ELLEN R. STONE. There were three terms of 9, 12 and 11 weeks each. Number of scholars, 50, 44, 43. Average attendance, 45, 40, 40. Considering the rare experience and proved ability of the teacher, we, of course, expected much from this school. And, perhaps, we can say nothing truer or better concerning it, than that it fulfilled our expectation. It was a model for order, and evinced most careful and successful training in all the branches taught. Miss Stone has done excellent service for the cause of common schools in this town. And we are happy to believe that these services are appreciated.

No. 1. Primary Department. There were three terms in this school of 9, 9 and 10 weeks each, under the charge of Miss MARY A. METCALF. Number of pupils each term, 53, 58, 46. Average attendance, 39, 46, 36. The school has been admirably managed through the several terms, and the success attending the efforts of the faithful and energetic teacher was very satisfactory. The practicability of introducing "object teaching" into our primary schools has been demonstrated in this school, and the teacher is entitled to much credit for the manner in which she at all times engaged the undivided attention of

her pupils and turned their inquisitive propensities to good account. There are but few tardy marks in the register, and most of the absences are marked "occasioned by sickness."

Intermediate Department. There were also three terms in this department of 9, 9 and 8 weeks, each under the instruction of Miss S. MARTHA ROBINSON. Number of pupils, 44, 48, 49. Average attendance, 37, 44, 45. Miss Robinson has had considerable experience as a teacher, and has been uniformly successful; still we think she has added fresh laurels to her reputation the past season. As a disciplinarian she will rank with the first class. The school was noteworthy during each term for its good order, close application of the pupils and promptness in their recitations. The improvement in the school has been satisfactory in every respect. We regret that the illness of the teacher cut short the winter term and prevented the closing examination.

No. 2. Primary. Miss SARAH R. FREEMAN, the efficient teacher of last year, has taught in the same department through the present year. This, of itself, is sufficient evidence that her services have been fully appreciated.

2d Primary. In this department, Miss H. A. PARKER taught the first term. Miss Parker had previously gained a high reputation in other towns, and we think fully sustained it here. Prudential committees never over-estimate the advantages which a few years of practical experience in teaching invariably bring.

Miss CARRIE J. EVERETT was teacher the second and third terms. Although with less experience, Miss Everett has the requisites of a good teacher. A strong interest in her school enables her to interest the classes. Object teaching was practised with good success. Physical training was carefully attended to. The school appeared well at the close, and was much commended by those present. We may here remark generally that any tendency to use language or to present ideas or illustrations to the minds of the pupils beyond their age or comprehension should be carefully avoided.

No. 2. Intermediate. Miss MARTHA A. WHEELER teacher through the year. Miss Wheeler has undergone unusual labor in this school, especially the last term. Of 63 scholars, 37 were over 12 years of age. It is no trifling task to govern such a school, and keep it in order; and when we add to this the mental exertion necessary to keep so many grown up young men and women usefully employed during the day, and to hear the necessarily large number of recitations, it is not strange that the teacher pays the penalty of over-exertion.

In the High School, when there are over 50 pupils to each room, they employ an extra assistant: but here, a zealous and ambitious

teacher is expected to conscientiously discharge her duty to 63, of the same age, and survive the necessary exertion.

No. 3. Miss FRANCES A. CHASE had charge of this school during the summer term of 12 weeks. Number of pupils, 24. Average attendance, 21. This was a very good school. The teacher was firm but mild in her discipline, and maintained good order without resort to corporeal punishment; though we doubt not this salutary "reserved right" would have been applied if found necessary. The progress of the school was commendable, and the exercises at the closing examination satisfactory.

The winter term of 8 weeks was taught by Mr. ELLERY R. MERRIAM. Number of pupils, 35. Average attendance, 33. At our first visit to this school we found the government rather lax, and the evil of communications among the pupils very annoying to those who were disposed to be attentive and orderly. At a subsequent visit we found a marked improvement in discipline as well as in the general management of the school; and at the closing examination we were pleased to note that the term, though short, had been a profitable one. The recitations in general were fair, and the classes in Grammar and Arithmetic appeared very well. The school house in this district is not such an one as the enterprising farmers in the neighborhood should be proud of—especially in its internal arrangements.

No. 4. First term, Miss E. A. CHASE, teacher. Here was a school to gratify the most critical committee. Besides great thoroughness in the usual studies, a class of girls found time to go through Gray's Botany. So long as summer flowers will cluster around the doors of all happy homes, why not study the laws of their being? Many a wonderful design, many a pretty thought, lies hidden in every folded flower.

Winter term—Miss MYRA LAKE, teacher. We found here a fine class in Arithmetic, and Geography, good reading and good government. In these latter days, when so many females are employed to teach our winter schools, composed of large scholars, a teacher who naturally and unconsciously governs well, is a high prize.

No. 5. There were two terms of 9 and 12 weeks. Number of pupils, 12, 13. Average attendance, 11, 10. Miss ELLEN M. HILLS taught both terms. The discipline and management of the school were admirable. The law of kindness was the directing influence. The teacher had perfect control of the school without exhibiting any external show of authority; and the pupils yielded implicit obedience and gave their undivided attention to the teacher with no apparent inclination to do otherwise.

No 6. In the summer term, Miss O. A. SPAULDING taught 16 weeks. Although the school was on the whole a profitable one and made good progress, we heard complaints of some want of government. Parents who favor a rebellious spirit in a school, need not be surprised if in due time, the spirit appear at their own firesides, and preside over their own households.

The winter school was commenced by Miss MARY LEACH; but becoming entirely insubordinate, was placed in charge of Mr. J. A. SHERMAN, who finished the term in a manner so satisfactory that money was voluntarily raised for its further continuance; which is highly creditable to parents and teacher.

No. 7. This remote school-house among the hills, where the hurricane blows, contains scholars as intelligent, and prompt in their recitations, as those in more favored localities. Judging from their appearance at the close of the winter term, their time had been well spent, and they had been ably taught by Miss SHELLY, teacher both terms. A stranger who accompanied us seemed rather shy of the large hole in the entry floor.

No. 8. Miss ROSETTA M. HART had charge of the summer term of 9 weeks. Number of pupils, 8. Average, 7. Miss Hart kept a very good school, and the progress made by the elder pupils was very commendable. The term was a successful one, and we think satisfactory to all in the district, not excepting those who never visit the schools.

The winter term of 10 weeks was under the charge of Miss HARRIET E. GRIFFIN. Number of pupils, 16. Average attendance, 12. Miss Griffin had to contend with an outside opposition that was detrimental to the success of the school. This district is small, but deplorably wanting in union sentiment. Some of its members appeared to be determined that the school should be a failure; while others with equal determination and commendable zeal labored for its success. The teacher is entitled to much credit for her successful perseverance against such baseless opposition. Several of the pupils made praiseworthy progress, and all who attended the closing examination appeared well.

No. 9. Miss EMILY M. NIMS taught both terms in a very satisfactory manner. This school is very small, and might avail itself of the new law permitting contiguous districts to vote themselves into one.

No. 10. Primary. This school had three terms of 10, 9 and 9 weeks. Number of scholars, 63, 64, 54. Average attendance, 54, 53, 44. Miss M. LIZZIE WOODWARD has taught here with very encouraging results. The scholars appeared to be well governed, to be interested in their studies, and showed a creditable acquaintance with the branches pursued. We commend particularly the spelling. The uniform im-

provement of this school under the training of Miss Woodward, is evidence that she has both the ability and disposition to make a helper of *experience*—a qualification which is indispensable to the teacher's truest success.

No. 10. Intermediate department. Had three terms of 10, 9 and 9 weeks each. Whole number of scholars, 47, 42, 34. Average attendance, 41, 37, 30. The teacher for the year was Miss JOSEPHINE A. LEES, who brought to her work experience, scholarship, and an unusual love for teaching. Her success has been such as to add even to the high reputation she previously enjoyed as a teacher.

No. 11. Three terms. Number of scholars, 25, 31, 30. Average attendance, 19, 26 $\frac{1}{4}$, 23. Teacher, Miss BIAL W. WILLARD, whose labors have been characterized by intelligence, energy and faithfulness. As a consequence, her pupils made good progress in learning. We might speak of several classes, whose appearance was a high recommendation, both to themselves and their teacher. On the whole, we regard this as worthy to be included among the most profitable of our schools for the past year.

No. 12. Miss ESTHER M. GURLER, much commended by former committees, has again had charge of this school, with her usual success.

In the winter term, Miss EMILY M. NIMS, the same who had charge of No. 9. She seems to be very acceptable to the scholars, some of whom attended in both districts. This is also a very small school, numbering but 11 pupils.

No. 13. The summer term was taught 4 weeks by Miss A. LOUISE SNOW, with an attendance of 14 pupils. The school was visited by the committee at the commencement of the term. But the illness and subsequent death of the teacher leaves us without data for a further report.

The fall and winter term of 12 weeks was taught by Miss EMMA H. FREEMAN. Number of pupils, 19. Average attendance, 18. Miss Freeman labored with a zeal and determination that precluded the possibility of failure. Good order was maintained at all times, which secured promptness and thoroughness in recitations. And at the closing examination the marked improvement in the school was gratifying to all present. The right teacher was in the right place, and her services should not be dispensed with in the future.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Summer term, 11 weeks ; whole number of scholars, 100 ; males 30, females 70 ; average attendance, 97.5 ; number not absent, 76 ; number tardy, 0 ; number of visits by Superintending Committee, 10 ; Prudential Committee, 3 ; citizens, 162.

Fall term, 12 weeks ; whole number of scholars, 79 ; males 23, females 56 ; average attendance, 75.9 ; number not absent, 55 ; number tardy, 2 ; number of visits by Superintending Committee, 12 ; Prudential Committee, 4 ; citizens, 265.

Winter term, 15 weeks ; whole number of scholars, 107 ; males 40, females, 67 ; average attendance, 104.2 ; number not absent, 80 ; number tardy, 1 ; number of visits by Superintending Committee, 14 ; Prudential, 6 ; citizens, 650.

This school continues under the charge of Mr. and Mrs. BUREBANK, with the assistance, during the last term, of Miss ELLEN M. HILLS, who is noticed in another part of the Report. The above statistics show a greater number of scholars in attendance during the year past than were reported for the year previous ; they show, likewise, nearly a proportional increase in the average attendance, and in those not absent. These facts are, of themselves, evidence of the prosperity of the school ; while still stronger evidence in the same direction has been exhibited uniformly in the appearance of the scholars. Order, studiousness, and a laudable ambition to excel, existed to a remarkable extent. All made valuable acquisition in learning. And yet, the school was not one of acquisition merely, but of mental discipline also. The pupils were led to think, as well as to gain information. Indeed, perhaps this may be said to be the leading characteristic of the method of training here practised. It not only found work for the memory, but aimed likewise to develop the reasoning powers into judicious exercise. The High School, under the present teachers, has been uniformly noticed with high commendation in previous reports, and we need only say that we deem its success for the past year fully equal to that previously ascribed to it.

In addition to the foregoing details, the Committee submit the following remarks :—

UNION OF DISTRICTS.

The most noticeable event in the school history of the past year has been the attempt to unite the four village districts. For several years past, there has been a rapid growth of the town. Nowhere has this been more apparent than in the great increase of the number of scholars. Some three years ago, the Centre District and District No. 2

began to feel the full force of this rising tide, which soon overflowed their large and commodious school-rooms. But not till an imperious necessity required it, was anything done to provide for this large influx of young humanity. Eventually both of these districts did hire an extra room, divided their two schools into three, and improved them very much by grading them; with this arrangement everything worked so well, they quietly settled down to their own daily thoughts, hoping that the vexatious school-house question was disposed of for a long time to come.

But the crowd still presses in, the school rooms again overflow, and we are unconsciously destroying our best teachers by excess of labor. What shall be done *this time* to provide for this unsatisfactory state of things? Some say, "Divide No. 2, and build a new school-house beyond the river near the factory." Some say, "Divide the Centre and build beyond Beaver Brook." Others say, "Put another story upon the old buildings and make therein two additional rooms." This matter has been talked about for years, freely, and with generous intentions, all admitting that something ought to be done.

But your Committee of last year, seeing that the districts meant well, but did nothing, and mindful that the associated districts had always managed school affairs economically, judiciously, and with great success, and mindful that large bodies, by reason of their strength, undertake improvements which weaker bodies are slow to adopt, and mindful that the wisdom of a committee of four is safer to be trusted than the accidental competency or self-interest of a committee of one, proposed to perfect and complete the union of the districts, so that all the schools should be under the same management as the High School.

But some of your Committee think that in discussing the subject, undue prominence was given to the idea of adding another department to the High School. We see no reason why that object cannot be attained, under the present arrangement, as well as any other. It is well known that for years past, an extra assistant has been employed in the High School, in the winter term. It is only necessary to engage a *permanent* assistant, of large experience and high qualifications, and adopt rules for the admission of scholars, and the new department is established. We object to the name of Grammar School as applied to this department, because there may not be any grammar classes in it. The present High School is a Grammar School. We should rather name them the First, Second, and Third High School.

Every one will see the only objection to this plan, which is want of room, of accommodation. The present assistant's room is not much more than a closet, and we hold the building as tenants at will. The

associated districts should own their school-houses, so that they can build additions or make alterations to suit their growing wants. Towns use their power to take the property of *individuals* for school purposes, —why not that of an institution unable to maintain itself? It is no greater tax to pay interest on a debt, than the same amount in rent. Whether the trustees of the Academy, finding themselves in funds, could not better fulfil their trust by subjoining to the present High School a high classical department, admitting non-residents on payment of a tuition, might be worthy of consideration.

ADVANTAGES TO BE GAINED BY A NEW DEPARTMENT.

In the intermediate schools, scholars advance so far in their studies as is necessary to fit them for the High School. In other words, they are drilled with that object in view, but by four different teachers; they are drilled by different methods, by teachers who are continually liable to be changed. They are consequently unequally fitted. When they enter the High School, it is often found necessary to put them back and have them go over the ground again, which has caused some complaint. Again, in the winter term there are many scholars in all the districts who do not intend to fit for the High School, or who are unable to pass examination. They are from 13 to 16 years of age. They do not assimilate with the other classes, for they need different instruction. They are out of place, and would be more benefitted in a higher department, which age should entitle them to enter. And further, a new department of fifty scholars would vacate fifty seats in the intermediate school.

We have said thus much to show the present condition of affairs, and do not intend to urge any particular mode of action. But whatever else may be done, we deprecate any further division of districts. Our experience has been, that the larger and stronger the district, the more interest is manifested in the schools, the more care is used in procuring teachers, the more advanced are the scholars.

SCHOOL EXAMINATIONS.

At a teachers' meeting, recently, the subject of school examinations being under discussion, it was properly enough argued that teachers being better qualified to question classes, should have the charge of them on the days of examination; and that the committee should ask questions as occasions might suggest. This being admitted, it becomes the committee somewhat to guard this limited privilege, and having submitted to a class a question, designed perhaps to more thoroughly test their mental training, or ascertain if they have been allowed to hink for themselves, we ought not to be particularly grateful to a

teacher who hurriedly divides it into two or three simpler questions, and with solicitous care puts the answer into the scholar's mind. We have noticed that in schools where the system of committing to memory is chiefly followed, classes never appear well in the hands of a committee; and that where the teacher is in the constant practice of originating questions, with a view to find out what the scholar understands and what he does not, and where the teacher's information is sufficiently extended to enable her to do this widely and intelligently, her classes may safely be trusted in the hands of any committee, and will do themselves credit.

When on examination days there is a long succession of rapid questions, and correct but thoughtless answers, somebody is very like to whisper in the ear of the committee, "Wasn't this all rehearsed and prepared for show? This suspicion is often a very unjust one, but the idea once in the mind of visitors, they lose all interest in the exercises. To avoid this misapprehension, good teachers may safely invite the questions of the committee.

It sometimes is suggested to us, that teachers are not always sufficiently regardful of their visitors on these public days; being themselves in a state of excited occupation, time seems short, and the examination of classes is often unnecessarily and tediously prolonged. We think that where the examination continues but half a day, too many classes are generally exhibited, which occasions oftentimes an unseemly haste; and we are of opinion that the Boston rule limiting these public examinations to two hours, had considerable reason for its foundation.

OBJECT TEACHING.

We sometimes visit schools where we find a class, or classes, which give no answers to our questions; we see lips move, as if they would form the right sound, but no confident response. The teacher says they will answer *her* questions, and doubtless they would; perhaps because they had seen the same in the book. However that may be, in schools where the teacher understands the object method, such classes are not likely to be found, however young they may be. Object teaching is, to a considerable extent, a mutual conversation between teacher and pupils about some familiar object held up before them. They learn to talk, to think, and to express their own thoughts in their own words. They learn to have confidence in their own thoughts and words, and answer all reasonable questions whether of teacher, or visitor, or committee, readily, originally, and apparently with interest and pleasure. This is only one of the incidental advantages of what is supposed to be the best method of imparting all kinds of information to the young. Books have been written explaining this method, our teachers have familiarized themselves with it, and taught under its influence, and your committee are of opinion that teachers, applying for our large schools, should, in all cases, be required to understand this method, which has a very beneficial effect upon the mode of questioning classes, even although no "object lessons" may be given.

GEO. A. WHEELLOCK,
J. A. HAMILTON,
SAMUEL WOODWARD.

TABLE I.—SUMMER TERM.

DISTRICTS.....	Centre.				No. 1.				2				3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
	P.	U.	P.	I.	P.	U.	P.	I.	P.	U.	P.	I.	P.	U.	P.	I.	P.	U.	P.	I.	P.	U.	P.	I.
Length of sch'l in wk's,	19	21	21	18	18	29	20	20	12	10	9	16	7	9						19	19	17	9	4
Whole No. of pupils,...	78	51	50	58	48	55	61	58	24	17	12	31	11	8						64	47	31	6	14
Boys,.....	50	32	22	25	27	30	31	22		5	4	17	10	2						34	15	17	1	7
Girls,.....	38	19	28	33	21	25	30	36		12	8	14	1	6						30	32	14	5	7
Average Attendance,	65	44	42	43	41	42	49	43	21	15	11	26	9	7						54	36	23	6	11
No. of p's ov'r 16 yr's	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0						0	0	0	0	0
No. of p's und'r 16 yr's	78	51	50	58	48	55	61	58	23	17	8	31	5	8						64	47	31	6	14
No. of tardy marks,...	20	10	8	14	6	25	21	9	3	11	0	102	0	0						15	5	20	0	24
No. not tardy,.....	68	43	43	52	44	40	46	50	22	11	8	12	0	8						51	42	21	6	2
No. not absent 1-2 day,	17	23	16	4	23	29	12	29	7	5	3	4	5	5						23	24	7	2	6
Whole No. of visits,...	72	108	115	99	118	136	136	143	30	30	18	36	22	20						76	139	70	21	9
Visits by S. S. Com.,...	6	7	5	8	5	4	7	6	2	2	2	2	1	2						7	11	4	2	1
Visits by Prud. Com.,...	4	2	3	5	4	4	7	4	0	1	0	3	0	0						2	5	5	0	0
Wages of teacher per m'th, including board,	20	20	28	22	26	20	25	27	18	14	16	16	14	14						22	26	25	13	13

TABLE II.—WINTER TERM.

DISTRICTS.....	Centre (No.1.)				No. 2.				3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	P.	U.	P.	I.	P.	U.	P.	I.								P.	I.		
Length of school, in weeks,...	10	10	11	10	8	9	9	9	8	10	12	5	8	10		9	9	8	12
Whole number of pupils,...	48	43	43	46	49	40	57	63	35	23	13	34	12	16		54	34	30	11
Boys,.....	29	26	23	25	27	22	33	31	22	9	3	18	10	10		30	14	23	6
Girls,.....	19	17	20	21	22	18	24	32	13	14	10	16	2	6		24	20	7	5
Average attendance,.....	39	37	40	36	45	32	45	55	33	21	10	30	9	12		44	30	23	10
No. of pupils over 16 years,	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	7	0	0	3	1	1		00	00	2	2
No. of pupils under 16 years,	48	43	43	46	49	40	57	63	28	23	13	31	11	15		44	34	28	9
No. of tardy marks,.....	10	5	7	6	5	7	12	4	7	12	1	29	4	16		7	4	6	2
No. not tardy,.....	40	40	36	40	44	34	4	59	28	19	12	25	8	9		47	30	24	9
No. not absent one-half day,	5	11	13	8	22	3	13	27	11	6	3	11	2	5		13	13	7	4
Whole number of visits,...	66	77	85	65	36	76	121	120	58	41	13	18	22	23		67	84	30	28
Visits by S. S. Committee,...	3	4	4	3	2	3	5	5	3	2	2	1	2	4		3	6	2	3
Visits by Prud. Committee,...	4	3	4	1	2	3	4	4	0	2	0	1	00	3		1	2	2	1
Wages of teacher per month, including board,.....	24	21	32	24	28	20	26	30	42	23	20	44	16	23		22	26	34	22

NOTE.—In the above Table the Fall Terms have been considered a part of the Summer Schools, and an approximate average made of the attendance of the two Terms.

TABLE III.

	No. of Schol- ars in each District.	Proportion to each District.	Proportion to each Scholar.	Amount of Money raised.
Centre,.....	272..	910.12..	3.34..	Raised by the Town,
1,.....	167..	564.32..	2.96..	\$3,786.00
2,.....	256..	862.76..	3.37..	Literary Fund,
3,.....	41..	156.36..	3.81..	301.32
4,.....	25..	109.00..	4.36..	Paid S. S Com.,
5,.....	23..	103.08..	4.48..	100.00
6,.....	37..	144.50..	3.90..	For schools,
7,.....	14..	76.44..	5.46..	\$5987.32
8,.....	22..	100.12..	4.55..	Raised by Associat'd
9,.....	15..	79.40..	5.29..	Dist's for the High
10,.....	150..	514.00..	3.42..	School,
11,.....	50..	183.00..	3.66..	600.00
12,.....	16..	82.36..	5.14..	Rent of Building for
13,.....	22..	100.12..	4.55..	the use of the High
	1110..	\$3985.58..	\$3.59..	School,
				300.00
				\$4887.32

THE CHIEF ENGINEER'S REPORT.

To the Board of Selectmen:

GENTLEMEN :—I respectfully submit the following report. At the close of another year, I am happy to report that the department is still in a prosperous condition, the companies having been kept full; and the most friendly feeling prevails throughout the whole department. I am pleased to be able to say that upon all occasions they have performed their duties faithfully. During the year just past I report the following fires, viz: March 24, 1864.—The fire department called out about 2 o'clock, P. M., caused by the grass taking fire from a locomotive on the R. R. south of Metcalf's Crossing; department all out; extinguished without working the machines; damage trifling. March 25, 1864.—The fire department called out about 8 o'clock, A. M., caused by the boiler explosion at Osborne & Hale's Steam Shop, on Mechanic St.; no fire, No. 1 playing upon the ruins awhile; Hook and Ladder Co. also worked; the whole department promptly out. May 7, 1864.—Alarm given about 4 o'clock P. M., caused by the roof of the Revere House taking fire; department all out; No. 1 working its machine; damage \$15.00; insured. September 12, 1864.—A partial alarm of fire, caused by benzine taking fire in the evening, while drawing at J. B. Knowlton's store; Hook and Ladder Co. out only; no damage. January 10, 1865.—Alarm of fire, caused by the burning of pail staves in the dry house of Chase & Fairbanks' Steam Mill; whole department out and worked; damage about \$75.00; no insurance.

The Department and Town may consider themselves highly favored, as the fires have been diminished from 7 to 5, and the damage comparatively small, not exceeding \$90.00. At the last annual town meeting an appropriation of \$300.00 was made for the enlargement of Neptune Engine House, for the accommodation of Niagara Hose Co., but upon examination and consultation it was thought best to build a new house instead of

enlarging the old one. The appropriation not being sufficient to complete the building, I would recommend that a sufficient sum be raised to complete the same. By a vote of the Town one new reservoir has been made, which I consider of indispensable value to the north part of the village, as 50 families or more can be benefited therefrom, and the Engineers consider it a valuable reservoir with its abundant supply of water. In closing my report the assistant engineers and the whole department will receive my thanks for the promptness and efficiency with which they have performed their duty assigned them on each and every occasion.

H. P. MUCHMORE.

Chief Engineer of Keene Fire Department.

March 1, 1865.

CEMETERY FUND.

To the Selectmen :

The balance as per last year's report was	\$425.06
Received from sale of lots,	263.00
Interest on money deposited,	113.46
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	\$800.52
Payments.	
J. Raymond, receipt	2.00
L. Joslin, "	3.00
Elliot & Ripley, "	5.91
Bill of trees, "	5.00
H. Foster, "	30.00
G. A. Wheelock, "	7.00
E. G. Pierce, "	28.40
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Whole expenses,	\$81.31
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Leaving balance on hand of	\$719.21

The evident insufficiency of the present grounds for the future use of the Town, makes it advisable that the Town should appoint a committee to inquire what may be done to enlarge the same, and report at a future time.

March 1, 1865.

GEO. A. WHEELOCK, Supt.

REPORT OF THE OVERSEER OF THE POOR,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 18, 1865.

Report as follows :

Receipts,	\$4,473.14
Difference between oxen,	50.00
Received of Town of Hancock,	30.00
Received of Bancroft & Cumings,	23.53
Received of Town of Sullivan,	11.77

\$4,588.44

Expenses at Town Farm,	1192.92
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EXPENDITURES.

Paupers expenses, chargeable to the Town

away from the Farm,	535.51
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County pauper account,	2794.34
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Cash in my hands,	65.67
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\$4,588.44

The following persons have been supported the past year, or in part, at the Town Farm : Jesse Corbett, Dan Gray, Artemitia Dwinell, Philinda Billings, Wm. Lebourveau, Sarah Madison, Hattie Murphy, Charles Smith, Mary Clarey, the whole year.

Kate Clarey, 7 months ; Cornelius Willson, 7 months ; James Balch, 6 months ; Mrs. Reed and family, 4 months ; Wm. Ruffle & family, 5 months ; Henry Johnson 2 months ; Thomas Jones, 2 months ; Mrs. Fifield, $2\frac{1}{2}$ months ; Mrs. Hart, 1 month ; Philemon Wright, 1 month ; — Carrey, $1\frac{1}{2}$ months ; Dennis Hardnett & family, 1 month.

The following persons away from the Farm, chargeable to the Town, with the amount each received :

Wm. Ruffle,	\$60 16
Mrs. Strickland,	21 38
Louisa Madison,	25 00
Eliza Perry,	122 20
Charles Wetherbee,	63 19
Ellis children,	22 67
Abby Barden,	6 00
Margaret Ruffle,	43 16
James Reason,	21 00
Ann Baker,	72 00
David Marsh,	36 32
Mrs. Hart,	9 50
James Balch,	4 00
—— Looney,	5 00
Affidavit and Medicine,	6 93
E. Clark, Horse Hire,	16 00
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	\$535 51

Persons chargeable to the County :—

Mrs. Clarey,	122 20
Insane Asylum,	365 76
Hattie Murphy,	20 82
Mrs. Roach,	42 51
Mrs. Crowley,	79 28
Mrs. Foley,	213 65
Mrs. McCarty,	69 05
John Lahey,	158 89
Mrs. R. Taylor,	111 32
Mrs. Lynch,	74 57
Charles Dean,	21 00
Mrs. T. Taylor,	3 00
Mrs. Fifield, for 1863,	117 94
“ “ for 1864,	190 46
Abby Howe,	137 75
Transient,	117 89

Mrs. Hogan,	143 84
Mrs. M. Burns,	289 38
Mrs. T. Burns,	81 42
Mrs. Lines,	89 41
Mrs. John Sullivan,	150 62
Mrs. Eustice,	58 49
Mrs. Rachel Dwinell,	7 50
Dennis Hardnett,	61 09
Delay Boys,	59 00
John Goodell,	7 50

\$2,794 34

PROPERTY AT TOWN FARM.

2 Oxen,	\$190 00
1 Horse,	200 00
2 Yearlings,	28 00
6 Cows,	240 00
2 two years olds,	36 00
11 tons of Hay and Straw,	205 00
Corn, Oats and Barley,	114 85
2 Shotes,	63 00
21 Hens and 4 Turkeys,	18 00
1 Ox Cart, 1 Lumber Wagon, 1 Buggy Wagon, 1 Lum- ber Sleigh, 1 Single Sleigh,	105 00
3 Plows, 2 Shovels, 4 Hoes,	9 00
2 Grain Cradles, 1 Hay Cutter, 1 Feed Trough,	6 50
3 Draft Chains, 2 Stake Chains,	6 00
6 Rakes, 3 Scythes and Snaths,	3 50
2 Ox Yokes, 1 Stone Drag,	5 00
1 Harrow, 2 Cultivators, 1 Pick,	11 00
2 Iron Bars, 1 Harness and Robe,	23 00
7 Meal Bags, 1 Fan Mill,	12 00
3 Hay Forks, 3 Manure Forks, 2 Wheelbarrows, 2 Baskets,	11 00
204 Sap Buckets, 4 Sap Tubs,	39 00

1 Sap Boiler, 2 Sap Kettles, 1 Cauldron, 2 Brass Kettles,	20 00
3 Wood Saws, 1 Cross-cut Saw,	5 50
2 Axes, 6 Augers,	6 00
34 Cords Wood,	102 00
1 Scalding Tub, 1 Set Measures,	1 50
42 Chairs,	10 50
7 Tables, 11 Chests Drawers,	15 00
15 Feather Beds,	45 00
40 Coverlids and Spreads,	30 00
5 Woolen Sheets,	5 00
17 pairs Cotton Sheets,	34 00
14 pairs Pillow Cases, 24 Pillows,	15 00
12 Bedsteads and Cords,	6 00
3 Crick Bedsteads,	1 50
5 Looking Glasses and 2 Clocks,	6 00
5 Wash Tubs, 1 Churn, 1 Lantern,	7 00
1 Cheese Press,	5 00
44 Tin Pans,	6 60
2 tin Strainer Pails, 4 large Dish Pans,	2 00
10 Cups, 33 Plates,	4 00
5 Pitchers, 9 Bowls,	4 00
9 Cups and Saucers,	50
5 Tumblers,	50
3 sets Knives and Forks,	3 00
6 Tables,	5 00
7 Stoves and Furniture,	32 50
1 Settee, 5 Stands,	3 00
2 pairs Steelyards, 1 pair Sheep Shears,	2 50
1 Square, Saw, and Grindstone,	1 50
1 String Bells, 2 Whips,	2 00
2 Ox Sleds,	30 00
1 Moulding Board,	10
Ashes,	4 00
Salt and Meal	14 67

53½ lbs. Dried Apples,	7 50
13 gallons Boiled Cider,	11 00
8 bbls. Apples,	24 00
Vegetables,	16 50
Soap and Grease,	11 00
Pickles and Garden Seeds,	7 00
104 lbs. Lard,	28 08
45 lbs. Cheese,	9 00
36½ lbs. Butter,	15 00
65½ lbs. Sugar,	13 50
2 1-3 bbl. Flour,	32 00
14 Meat and Cider Barrels,	10 00
3½ bbls. Cider,	14 00
2 bbls. Vinegar,	10 00
100 bushels Potatoes,	60 00
2 " Beans,	6 00
3½ bbls. Pork,	175 00
2 bbls. Beef,	48 00
156 lbs. Fresh Meat,	31 20
60 lbs. Sausages,	15 00
12 Stone Jars,	4 00
Tea and Saleratus,	2 50
Sugar House,	30 00
20 3-4 lbs. Candles, 61 lbs. Tallow,	13 60
Brick,	10 00
Oil,	1 00
Tobacco,	2 64
Dinner Bell,	1 00
4 Sad Irons,	2 00
½ gross Matches,	1 40

February 18, 1865, amount,	\$2,355 64
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February 18, 1864, amount,	1,646,70
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Excess at Farm over 1864,	\$708 94
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But few persons have been helped living out of town. The family of Charles Wetherbee, in Claremont, Ann Baker, in Sullivan, and Mrs. Hart, of Hancock.

Paid for support of County Paupers,	\$2,794 34
Paid for support of Town Paupers,	535 51
Paid for support of Paupers at Town Farm,	1,192 92

	\$4,522 77
Paid bills of 1863-4,	222 39

\$4,300 38

Appraisal of Property at the Farm over the appraisal of 1864,	708 94
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	\$3,591 44
Received of the County,	2,652 69

Pauper expenses for the past year,	\$938 75
Cash received of the County, April Term,	\$1,423 06
“ “ “ October Term,	1,229 63

Amount paid into the Treasury,	\$2,652 69
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There will be due Thomas T. Russell, Jr., April 1,	\$287 50
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All of which is respectfully submitted.

EBEN CLARK, *Overseer of the Poor.*

Having examined the foregoing statements, we find them correctly cast. We have also compared the Treasurer's accounts with the same and find them to agree; and we believe the accounts are well and truly kept.

A. T. WILDER,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
CHESTER NIMS,	
T. C. RAND,	
	<i>of</i>
	<i>Keene.</i>

REPORT OF THE AGENT OF TOWN HALL BUILDING.

To the Selectmen of the Town of Keene:

The undersigned respectfully submits the following statement of receipts and expenditures by him as Agent in charge of the Town Hall Building, from Jan. 13, 1864, to March 1, 1865:

RECEIPTS.

For Rent of Stores up to Jan. 1, 1865, and use of Hall for Concerts, Lectures, &c.,	\$965 95
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EXPENDITURES.

Gas, Wood, Brooms, Kerosene, Lamps, Repairs of Building, Care of Stores, Cleaning, Lighting and Care of Hall, &c.,	\$402 71
Balance paid to Selectmen,	563 24
	\$965 95

There is due the Town the following sums for the use of the Hall:—

From Universalist Society,	27 00
From Singing School, at the close of the term,	98 00
From Rent of Stores, April 1, 1865,	140 40
	\$265 40

KINDALL CROSSFIELD, *Agent.*

The undersigned have examined the foregoing statements and accounts, find them correct, and believe the accounts are well and truly kept.

A. T. WILDER,	}	<i>Selectmen</i>
CHESTER NIMS,		<i>of</i>
T. C. RAND,		<i>Keene.</i>

REPORT
OF THE
SELECTMEN OF KEENE,
FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 14, 1865.

PAID OUT OF TREASURY.

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid A. T. Wilder, Selectman, ending March, 1864,	\$250 00
“ Chester Nims, “ “ “	250 00
“ T. C. Rand, “ “ “	250 00
“ A. T. Wilder, Overseer of the Poor,	150 00
“ F. A. Faulkner, Town Agent,	25 00
“ Geo. H. Tilden, Town Clerk,	50 00
“ Geo. W. Tilden, Town Treasurer,	50 00
“ Geo. B. Twitchell, Moderator,	5 00
“ A. S. Davis, Chief of Police,	85 00
“ J. F. Perry, Policeman,	50 00
“ S. O. Gates, “	30 00
“ R. J. Holt, “	50 00
“ Isaac Aldrich, “	50 00
“ Fred A. Barker, “	40 00
“ W. W. Stone, “	40 00

\$1,375 00

SCHOOLS—INCLUDING TAXES RAISED.

Paid High School Associated Districts,	\$1,612 80
“ Centre School District, (taxes assessed, \$80),	762 59
“ School District, No. 1,	423 24
“ “ “ No. 2,	647 07
“ “ “ No. 3,	156 36
“ “ “ No. 4,	109 00
“ “ “ No. 5,	103 08
“ “ “ No. 6,	144 50
“ “ “ No. 7,	76 44
“ “ “ No. 8,	100 12
“ “ “ No. 9,	79 40
“ “ “ No. 10,	385 50
“ “ “ No. 11,	183 00
“ “ “ No. 12,	82 36
“ “ “ No. 13,	100 12
“ Superintending School Committee,	100 00
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	\$5,065 58

Amount raised by the Town,	\$3,786 00
By High School,	900 00
Literary Fund,	301 32
Voted by Centre District,	80 00
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	\$5,067 32

The Town voted to divide the school money as follows, viz: to give to each school in each district the sum of thirty-five dollars, and the remainder of the money to be divided by the scholars. The past year there were two districts (Centre and No. 2.) with three schools; and two, (Nos. 1 and 10), with two schools each. The remaining districts had but one school.

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Paid for Repairing Highways and Bridges, 1863-4,	\$292 07
“ “ “ “ to March 1, '65,	3,407 61

Whole amount paid out,	\$3,699 68
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Voted by the Town, \$3,000.

In our last annual report, we estimated the expense of repairing highways and bridges for 1864 at three thousand dollars, which sum was appropriated by the Town for that purpose. We intended that the outlay should not exceed the appropriation, but early in the spring the old wooden drain that passes under the Town Hall building fell in, and we were obliged to take it up and replace it with stone. This occurring in the busy season of the year, the expense was very large.

One of the abutments of the bridge over the Branch, some fourteen feet high, fell into the stream in the early part of last summer. The abutment was rebuilt and the bridge covered with new plank.

Also, the bridge at the Caleb Wright mills was found to be in a dangerous condition, making it necessary to build new.

The bridges over Beaver Brook, on Water and Beaver streets, have been covered new with stringers and plank. The two covered bridges over the Ashuelot river have also been new planked.

These outlays, added to the ordinary expense of keeping the highways in a good condition, and the high price of labor, lumber and other materials, have increased the amount expended to a larger sum than we anticipated.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid Engine, Hose, and Hook and Ladder Men, for	
Services,	\$767 00
Paid Engineers, for Services,	67 50
“ Stewards, “ “	63 00

" Hunneman, for Repairs on Engines,	62 00
" H. P. Muchmore, for Lumber and Work on Reservoirs, &c.,	127 40
Paid T. Hale & Co., for Printing,	15 25
" L. Martin, Horse Hire for 1863-4,	34 50
" Spaulding & Dean, Horse Hire,	10 00
" George Holmes & Bro., for Iron Work,	59 97
" Wells & Weeks, for one Stove, Pipe, &c.,	42 25
" H. L. Kiblin, for Work, &c.,	26 62
" H. Kimball, for Printing,	8 00
" L. W. Trumbull, for 6 Badges for Engineers,	6 25
" C. F. Holman and D. W. Brooks, for Ringing Fire Alarm,	11 75
Paid W. S. Briggs, for Chairs and Table,	7 80
" O. G. Dort, for Oil, Alcohol, &c.,	17 86
" for Refreshments at Fires,	17 84
" for Examining Fire Districts, and Sundry Bills,	79 70

Amount expended, \$1,418 69
 Money voted, \$1000.00.

It will be seen by the report that the Fire Department have expended a larger sum than the Town appropriated. The Town voted, last year, to pay each member of the Department the sum of five dollars in addition to the sum of one dollar and fifty cents allowed by law, making \$6.50, and amounting in the whole to \$767.00, leaving a very small amount for the payment of the ordinary expenses. Consequently the expenditures exceed the sum raised by the Town.

ORDINARY TOWN CHARGES.

PAID.

F. A. Faulkner, Legal Services,	\$8 35
A. T. Wilder, Ordinary,	4 20
T. Hale & Co., printing Town Report, Check List, &c.,	108 25

T. C. Rand, Ordinary,	6 00
Spaulding & Dean, Horse Hire,	15 00
T. C. Rand, Ordinary,	4 31
Geo. Tilden, for making extra Returns of Depositors,	5 00
A. T. Wilder, Bills for Ordinary,	15 65
Chester Nims, " "	75
J. & F. French, for Repairing Hearse,	10 00
L. W. Cumings, Land for Reservoir,	100 00
H. C. Willard, Watchman at Neptune Engine House,	33 79
A. T. Wilder, for Bills of Work on Reservoir,	300 00
J. W. Raymond, Stone Work on Reservoir,	25 00
T. Hale & Co., Printing and Advertising,	23 75
A. T. Wilder, Ordinary,	11 13
H. H. Darling, for Vaccination,	29 50
A. S. Carpenter, " "	81 50
J. W. Raymond, Stone Work on Reservoir,	70 00
J. J. Johnson, for Vaccination,	8 00
Chester Nims, for Bills of Board, &c., for John Finn, J. Callahan and J. Foley, Jr., at House of Reformation,	82 44
T. C. Rand, Ordinary,	6 25
J. W. Raymond, Work on Reservoir,	32 40
Joseph Carpenter, Lumber for Reservoir,	84 57
Geo. W. Sturtevant, for Surveying and Running Town Lines,	34 50
Mason & McClure, for Work on Reservoir,	40 00
A. T. Wilder, Ordinary,	48 34
B. F. Foster, " "	3 00
Geo. B. Twitchell,	1 00
Laton Martin, Horse Hire,	2 75
H. P. Muchmore, Work, Lumber, &c., on Reservoir,	151 88
A. T. Wilder, Bills for Work on Reservoir,	20 69
E. Gustine, for new Lamp Posts, Pipe, &c.,	734 18
T. C. Rand, Ordinary,	3 25
H. Kimball, Advertising, &c.,	28 50

A. T. Wilder, Ordinary,	13 84
George Holmes & Bro., Horse Hire,	17 25
Spaulding & Dean, " " "	28 25
T. B. Kittredge, for Vaccination,	56 50
W. S. Briggs, Coffin and Robe for Alfred Tolman,	11 00
" " Stool for Selectmen's Room,	75
S. B. Crossfield, Signs and Posts,	13 25
Isaac Aldrich, Bills for Expenses of Alfred Tolman,	26 00
A. T. Wilder, Ordinary,	10 50
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	\$2,316 27

BOUNTIES TO SOLDIERS.

Agreeably to votes passed by the Town authorizing us to borrow money and pay bounties, we have paid the following:

TO RE-ENLISTED SOLDIERS.

Paid for twenty-four Re-Enlisted Men, \$300 each, \$7,200 00

INVALID CORPS.

Paid Henry A. Thompson, balance due last year, \$75 00

SUBSTITUTES.

Paid for thirty-six Substitutes, at \$400 each, \$14,400 00

Paid for thirty-five Substitutes at \$300 each, 10,500 00

And one at \$375, 375 00

VOLUNTEERS FROM KEENE.

Paid 25 Volunteers from Keene \$300 each, \$7,500 00

" 11 " " " 600 " 6,600 00

" 3 " " " 900 " 2,700 00

" 13 " " " 500 " 6,500 00

" 7 " Navy, " 150 " 1,050 00

Whole Amount paid, \$56,900 00

RECRUITING EXPENSES.

Incidental Expenses for Recruiting, \$129 58

SOLDIERS' RELIEF FUND.

Paid for Relief of Soldiers' Families,	\$14,021 00
Amount raised by Town,	\$3,000 00
Amount received of the State,	11,083 21
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	\$14,083 21
	14,021 00

Excess of Receipts, \$62 21

UNIFORMS FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Paid for Uniforms for Fire Department,	\$829 51
Money voted, \$850.00.	

FOR BUILDING HOSE HOUSE.

Paid for Hose House,	\$300 00
Money voted, \$300.00.	

NOTES AND INTEREST PAID.

Paid Notes and Interest, including Ministerial and Simmons Fund,	\$13,171 56
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FOR REPAIRING TOWN HALL BUILDING.

Paid Cash for Slating and Repairing Town Hall Building,	\$2,950 00
Money voted, \$2,400.00.	

OVERSEER OF THE POOR.

Paid Orders to Overseer,	\$4,473 14
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JAIL FEES AND BOARD FOR POLICE PRISONERS.

Paid for Jail Fees and Board,	\$23 90
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NIGHT WATCH.

Paid for Night Watch,	\$255 00
Money voted, \$600.00.	

INSUFFICIENCY OF HIGHWAYS.

Paid Daniel Dickinson,	\$3 75
Paid Hosea Chase,	18 00
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	\$21 75

LAND DAMAGES, AND BUILDING NEW ROAD.

Paid for Extension of Spring Street,	\$655 22
Money voted, \$600.00.	

LIGHTING STREET LAMPS, AND GAS.

Paid for Lighting Street Lamps, and Gas,	\$678 40
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RECAPITULATION.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in Treasury, March 1, 1864,	\$3,679 49
Received of Overseer for County Paupers,	2,652 69
State Treasurer, State Tax,	9,465 00
County Treasurer,	3,514 96
Showman's License,	30 00
Chase & Fairbanks' Note,	393 58
Charles Chase, " "	452 99
Literary Fund,	279 72
Soldiers' Aid, of State,	11,083 21
Money Borrowed,	66,372 50
Received of Collector,	25,339 54
Town Hall Agent,	563 24
State Bounty,	115 00
U. S. Bounty,	3,188 00
Poll Tax, Winchester Reed,	2 85
S. M. Smith,	5 00
Town of Chesterfield,	300 00
One Order given, not drawn,	150 00
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	127,587 77

EXPENDITURES.

For Town Officers,	\$1,375 00
Schools, including Superintending Committee,	5,065 58
Fire Department,	1,418 69
Highways,	3,699 68

Insufficiency of Highways,	21 75
Land Damage and Building new Road,	655 25
Lighting Street Lamps, and Gas,	678 40
Uniforms for Fire Department,	829 51
Hose House,	300 00
Soldiers' Relief Fund,	14,082 00
Bounties,	56,900 00
Recruiting Expenses,	129 58
Notes and Interest paid, including Simmons and Ministerial Fund,	13,171 56
Committee for Repairing Town Hall Building,	2,950 00
Overseer of the Poor,	4,473 14
Jail Fees and Board,	23 90
Night Watch,	255 00
Ordinary	2,311 27
State Tax, as per receipt,	9,465 00
County Tax, " "	3,514 96
Collecting Taxes,	275 00
U. S. Bounty refunded,	62 00
Damage by Dogs,	42 00
Balance in Treasury,	5,888 50
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	\$127,587 77

TOWN DEBT.

Notes against the Town,	\$136,090 91
Due from United States, for Bounties, \$10,975 00	
Estimated sum due from the State,	
for aid of Families,	10,500 00
Due from State, Railroad Tax,	1,796 52
Balance in Treasury,	5,888 50
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	\$29,160 02
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	\$106,930 89
Deduct Simmons and Ministerial Fund,	4,190 91
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Actual Debt of the Town,	\$102,739 98

ESTIMATED EXPENSES FOR 1865.

Ordinary Town Charges,	\$1,500 00
Highways and Bridges,	3,000 00
Support of Paupers,	2,000 00
Fire Department, (provided the Town pays members same as last year),	1,500 00
Aid of Soldiers' Families,	3,000 00
Gas, and Lighting Street Lamps,	700 00
For Schools, the amount required by law, probably about	4,000 00
Interest on Town Debt,	8,165 00
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	\$23,865 00

In closing our report we would allude to the expenditures for the past year. We have paid State aid to soldiers' families for thirteen months, to April 1, 1865, which makes the payments amount to over one thousand dollars more than they would have been for one year. For highways the expenditures have necessarily exceeded the appropriation. For repairs on the Town Hall building, the appropriations, amounting to \$2400, were not sufficient to cover the expense by nearly \$600. The ordinary expenses of the town have also exceeded the amount raised. The town voted to put up several additional lamp posts, and also to build a reservoir in the North part of the village, causing large outlays, all of which come under the head of Ordinary, as no appropriations were made for these objects. To carry out these votes required an outlay larger than the sum raised to pay all the ordinary town charges.

In regard to the liabilities of the town, we would say that the notes are mostly held by individuals, in sums of from \$100 to \$5000, and are payable on demand, with few exceptions. In no case have we given over 6 per cent. interest, and in a few instances we have obtained small sums at 5 per cent. Some of

these notes will probably be presented for payment in a very short time, and large amounts may be called for at any time.

A. T. WILDER,	}	<i>Selectmen of Keene.</i>
CHESTER NIMS,		
T. C. RAND.		

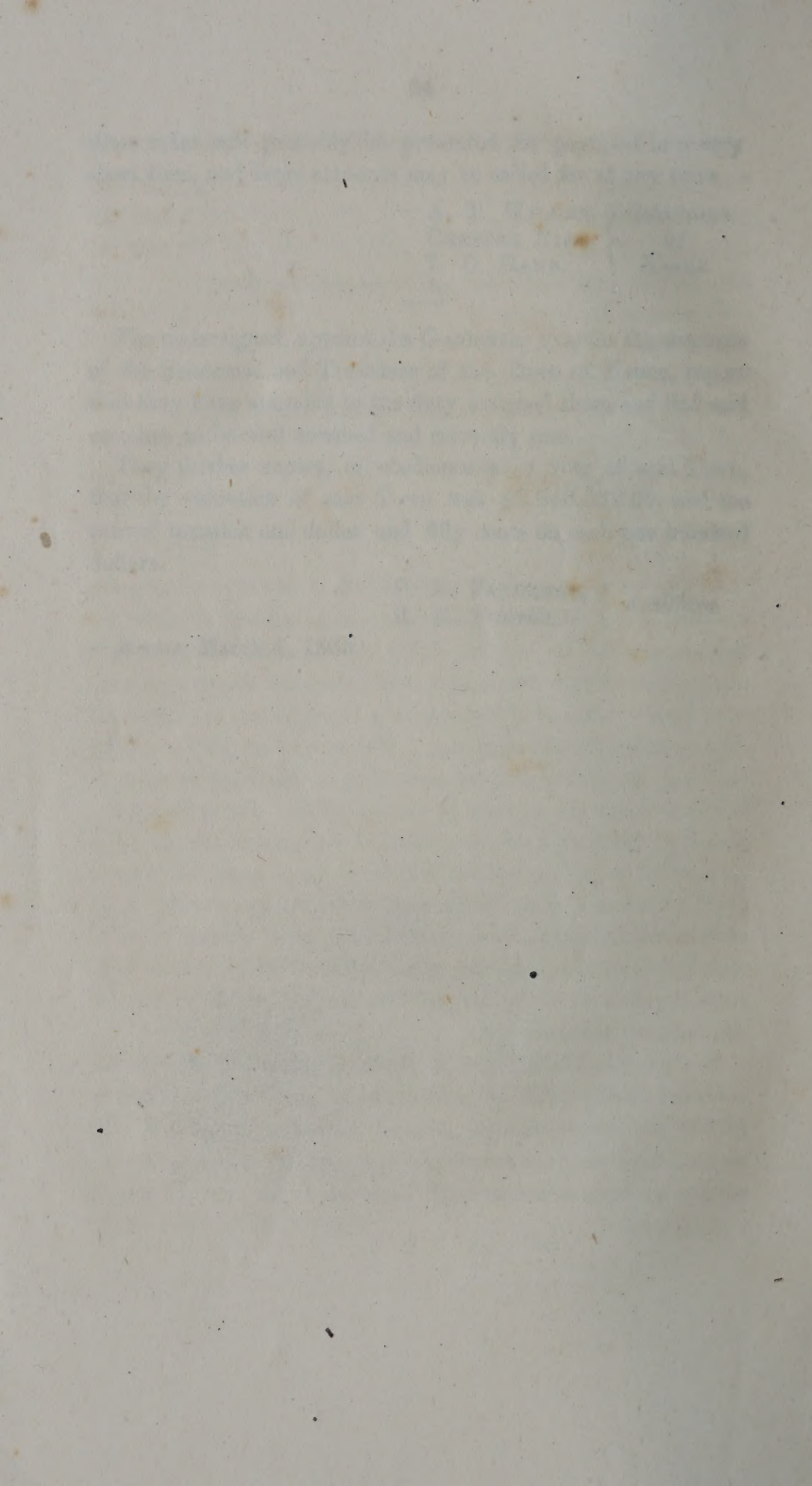
The undersigned, appointed a Committee to audit the accounts of the Selectmen and Treasurer of the Town of Keene, report that they have attended to the duty assigned them and find said accounts to be well vouched and correctly cast.

They further report, in obedience to a vote of said Town, that the valuation of said Town was \$2,646,532.00, and the rate of taxation one dollar and fifty cents on each one hundred dollars.

F. A. FAULKNER,	}	<i>Auditors.</i>
R. H. PORTER,		

Keene, March 4, 1865.





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